

PRESS RELEASE

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RE: UNITED STATES v. JESUS HERNANDEZ a/k/a Chuly

United States Attorney Terrance P. Flynn announced today the sentencing on October 18, 2006 of JESUS HERNANDEZ, a/k/a Chuly, age 38, of 10th Street, Buffalo, New York. HERNANDEZ, who was convicted of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute 50 grams or more of cocaine base on June 10, 2005, was sentenced to 168 months imprisonment by Chief United States District Judge Richard J. Arcara.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas S. Duszkievicz, who handled the case, stated that the defendant had been convicted of being the source of supply for more than a half of kilogram of crack cocaine which he distributed amongst 13 other co-conspirators who in turn distributed the crack at the street level in Salamanca, New York. Mr. Duszkievicz also stated that HERNANDEZ was ordered to forfeit \$50,000 in drug profits as a result of his conviction.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of

Resident Agent in Charge Nancy Coté, and the Southern Tier Regional Drug Task Force, under the direction of New York State Police Senior Investigator Walter Mackney.